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California State Senate

ABEL MALDONADO
FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

February 4, 2008

Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal Project as Preferred Dam Safety Project Alternative

Dear Sam:

As Senator of the 15th District, which includes the Carmel River watershed, I am writing to express my support the State Coastal Conservancy's efforts to make the Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal Project (CRRDR) the preferred dam safety project alternative.

The Carmel River in Monterey County, California represents one of the best opportunities for river restoration on California's Central Coast. Flowing through the Ventana Wilderness and the Los Padres National Forest, the Carmel River provides essential habitat for federally-threatened steelhead trout and California red-legged frog, and other important species. Since 1921, however, the Carmel River and its wildlife resources have been impacted by San Clemente Dam. As a result of the dam, the Carmel River suffers accelerated erosion, the once vibrant steelhead run has dramatically decreased, and lives and property below the dam are threatened with dam collapse and the potential for inundation by sediment currently trapped behind the dam.

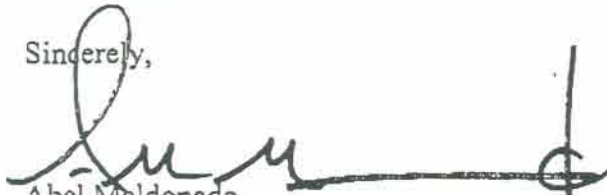
The CRRDR project represents an extraordinary opportunity for public and private interests to work together to remove the antiquated dam and initiate a watershed restoration process that will bring this river back to life. The project's benefits also contribute a tremendous amount to the health and welfare of the local community by:

- (1) Mitigating the dam stability concerns by removing the dam completely and rerouting the Carmel River;
- (2) Promoting the recovery of the South-Central California Coast Steelhead population by removing a barrier to approximately 25 miles of upstream spawning and rearing habitat;
- (3) Re-establishing a natural sediment regime, and thereby reducing the beach and river channel erosion that has occurred; and

- (4) Providing new recreational opportunities for the public through the transfer of approximately 900 acres of watershed lands to public ownership.

I am confident that the Coastal Conservancy, working in conjunction with California American Water Company and the other project partners, can carry out this project successfully and, therefore wish to support your efforts to have the Department of Water Resources select it as the preferred project in their filing of the Notice of Completion for the EIR/EIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abel Maldonado', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Abel Maldonado
California State Senator
15th District

cc:

Lester Snow,
Director, California Department of Water Resources

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April 21, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Governing Board
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Coastal Conservancy's efforts to remove the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County.

In the past, I supported the Coastal Conservancy's funding of technical studies to determine if removal of the San Clemente Dam was both environmentally feasible and cost effective. Conservancy staff has since made great progress in working with California American Water and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to confirm the feasibility of the Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal Project (CRRDR).

I believe the CRRDR serves as the best long-term solution for the ratepayers of the Monterey Peninsula and the ecology of the Carmel River. The CRRDR project represents a remarkable opportunity for public and private interests to work together to remove the antiquated dam and initiate a watershed restoration process that will revitalize the Carmel River. The project's benefits also include:

- mitigating the dam stability concerns by removing the dam completely and rerouting the Carmel River;
- promoting the recovery of the South-Central California Coast Steelhead population by removing a barrier to approximately 25 miles of upstream spawning and rearing habitat;
- re-establishing a natural sediment regime, thereby reducing the beach and river channel erosion that has occurred; and
- providing new recreational opportunities for the public through the transfer of approximately 900 acres of watershed lands to public ownership.

I am confident that the Coastal Conservancy, working in conjunction with California American Water Company, NMFS and others, will successfully carry out this project. For these reasons, I fully support the CRRDR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Laird". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

JOHN LAIRD, Assemblymember
27th District

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In response refer to:
SWR/F/SWR3:JEA

Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I appreciate your letter dated October 19, 2007, regarding NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) involvement with the San Clemente Dam Removal Project. As you are aware, the Carmel River is of extreme importance to NMFS in that it is a keystone river for the recovery of the South-Central California Coast steelhead population.


The San Clemente Dam Removal Project is part of the recovery strategy for the Carmel River steelhead population and is a high priority for NMFS in that it will remove a long-standing barrier to over 25 miles of upstream rearing and spawning habitat for steelhead. Removing the dam will also re-establish the natural sediment regime improving instream habitat downstream of the dam.

NMFS appreciates the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) joining with us to form a private-public partnership with California American Water to address their dam safety issues and initiate a watershed restoration process providing significant public benefits. Not only will there be greater public benefits achieved by removing the dam, the cost to the public for a project of this magnitude will be greatly reduced.

NMFS believes the removal project will only result in a win-win situation for the resources and the people of California. We look forward to continuing our work with the SCC on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joyce Ambrosius at (707) 575-6064 or joyce.ambrosius@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,


Rodney R. McInnis
Regional Administrator

cc: R. Strach, NMFS, Sacramento
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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

January 30, 2008

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: WATER BOARD SUPPORT FOR CARMEL RIVER REROUTE AND SAN CLEMENTE DAM REMOVAL AS PREFERRED DAM SAFETY PROJECT ALTERNATIVE

Dear Sam:

As Executive Officer of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), I am writing to support the State Coastal Conservancy's effort to make the Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal (CRRDR) project the preferred dam safety project for the San Clemente Dam.

The CRRDR project is described in the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as a project alternative to dam safety modifications. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the Lead Agency for the EIR/EIS. This project alternative would mitigate dam stability concerns by removing the dam and rerouting the Carmel River. Because of the additional benefits to the public that would result from the CRRDR project, several organizations are working with the California American Water Company (Cal-Am) to further consider this alternative and to urge DWR to select it as the preferred dam safety project. The State Coastal Conservancy has been appointed as the lead state agency in examining this alternative and is directing supplemental technical studies to support this effort. The January 2, 2008 Draft Basis of Design document for the CRRDR project conceptual design summarizes all of the design elements and assumptions used to develop the project.

The Central Coast Water Board staff have reviewed the Draft Basis of Design Report (Report) for the CRRDR project. As the Report states, "The goal of the CRRDR project is to eliminate the dam safety hazard, provide comprehensive restoration of the natural character and function of the valley bottom, and restore fish passage. This includes a continuum of habitat elements, including aquatic, riparian, and upland habitats." Water Board staff recognize the risks from failure to meet these goals include flooding, public safety impacts, and property damage; and that potential environmental impacts include

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sediment release into the downstream river, harm to aquatic habitat, and impact on plant and animal species. We acknowledge that Report authors have not formally identified risk acceptability for various project elements, but we generally concur with their identification and characterization of two risk categories that must be addressed: "1) flooding, for which the acceptable risk threshold is very low; and 2) downstream sediment delivery, for which the threshold is moderate in the short term, with hazard vulnerability expecting to diminish in the long term."

The Report accurately identifies specific water quality risks associated with key project activities, which include:

1. Removal of the dam and relocation of approximately 380,000 cubic yards (235 acre-feet [ac-ft]) of accumulated sediment behind the dam on the San Clemente Creek arm of the San Clemente Reservoir.
2. Permanent bypass of a portion of the Carmel River by cutting a 450-foot-long channel between the Carmel River and San Clemente Creek, approximately 2500 feet upstream of the dam.
3. Use of the bypassed portion of the Carmel River as a sediment disposal site for the accumulated sediment.
4. Construction of a diversion dike at the upstream end of the bypassed reservoir arm using rock spoils from channel construction (145 ac-ft or 235,000 cubic-yards).
5. During the active construction seasons, diversion of Carmel River and San Clemente Creek around the reservoir and dam site, and reservoir dewatering.
6. Over one season, removal of accumulated sediment in San Clemente Creek from behind the dam, by excavation with heavy earthmoving equipment, to match pre-dam contours.
7. Transport of San Clemente Creek sediment to a disposal area in the bypassed portion of the reservoir.
8. Dam and fish ladder demolition, and placement of demolished concrete debris, segregated from reinforcing steel, in the abandoned Carmel River arm of the reservoir, or, use as part of construction material for diversion dike and stone columns for slope stabilization/liquefaction mitigation.
9. Stabilization of sediments at the downstream end of the bypassed reservoir arm.
10. Reconstruction of the San Clemente Creek channel through its historic inundation zone from the exit of the diversion channel to the dam site.

Our primary water quality concerns surround dewatering and related construction site management issues during the extended time frame over which construction activities are proposed. As the Report indicates, the dewatering system will depend on a number of factors including rate of construction, use of shoring, and type of dewatering system. We will require early consultation and final approval of the dewatering system design, which we anticipate would include a filtration system or desilting basin at the discharge point, or down stream of the dam, to maintain turbidity at levels protective of beneficial uses in the downstream river.

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We agree with the Report's recommendation that because of the extended time that will be required to complete and approve a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), the owner/engineer should work with the Water Board to prepare a draft SWPPP that the contractor can finalize and submit.

We are confident that our concerns can be adequately addressed in subsequent design phases of the CRRDR project and wish to support your efforts to have the Department of Water Resources select it as the preferred project in their filing of the Notice of Completion for the EIR/EIS. The Water Board must issue a CWA Section 401 Certification for any activity receiving authorization under Section 404 (U.S. Army Corps permit), and our staff are prepared to assist project proponents in understanding and meeting all Water Board regulatory requirements for the project per Federal Clean Water Act and the State's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call **Dominic Roques (805) 542-4780** or send **email to droques@waterboards.ca.gov.**

Sincerely,



Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

cc: (by electronic mail)

Lester Snow
Director, California Department of Water Resources

Kent Turner
President, American Water - Western Region

Michael Chrisman
Secretary, California Resources Agency

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March 27, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chairman
Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for the Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Board of Directors would like to express support for the California Coastal Conservancy's (CCC) proposal to reroute the main stem of the Carmel River and remove the outdated and unsafe San Clemente Dam. The District is concerned, however, that this project should be achieved in such a manner so as to not diminish or otherwise compromise water rights, including pre-1914 water rights, associated with San Clemente Dam. MPWMD's mission is to manage, augment, and protect water resources for the benefit of the community and the environment. MPWMD recognizes that the CCC alternative presents a unique opportunity to remove the threat to public safety that this dam poses while also improving conditions in the river for aquatic species for which MPWMD has active management programs. In particular, the bypass project would complement efforts by MPWMD to improve steelhead habitat along the river and to rear steelhead at our nearby Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility (SHSRF). The project would also reconnect a significant portion of the upper watershed with the lower reaches of the Carmel River, where MPWMD has implemented intensive streambank and floodplain restoration programs.

We encourage the CCC to continue to pursue this project, and we look forward to working with your organization during the final project design to incorporate MPWMD's interests in maintaining and operating the SHSRF facilities. If you wish to discuss the project with MPWMD staff, please contact Larry Hampson at (831) 659-2543 or Kevan Urquhart at (831) 658-5643.

Sincerely,

Judi Lehman
Chair of the Board

cc: Paula Landis, Chief, San Joaquin District, Department of Water Resources
Craig Anthony, General Manager/Central Division, California American Water
Trish Chapman, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy
MPWMD Board of Directors

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



CARMEL RIVER STEELHEAD ASSOCIATION
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February 6, 2008

Sam Suchat
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Carmel River Steelhead Association letter of support for the Carmel River
San Clemente Dam re-route project.

Dear Mr. Suchat:

Our organization, the Carmel River Steelhead Association, has worked for over 35 years to restore the Carmel River. We have rescued many hundreds of thousands of wild steelhead. Our volunteers have spent thousands of man hours to restore habitat in the Carmel River Watershed. We have secured hundreds of thousands of grant dollars to make stream and fish passage improvements.

It is with the experience borne of decades of unselfish work on this environmental recovery that we make a very strong request for your assistance. Please support the San Clemente Dam Re-Route option as proposed in the recently released Environmental Impact Report for San Clemente Dam Seismic Retrofit.

This is a rare opportunity for California to restore the health of a local ecosystem and public environmental resource. Wildlife will be positively influenced for many decades to come as will the economic benefit that a healthy fishery represents to local businesses and communities. Please join us in giving your full and unqualified support to this landmark project to restore the free flow of the Carmel River.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Directors,

Roy Thomas, Secretary

Roy Thomas
President, Carmel River Steelhead Association



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February 5, 2008

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for San Clemente Dam Removal and Reroute Project

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) supports the State Coastal Conservancy's proposed project to remove the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County. CRWC has in recent years conducted hydrological and biological studies of the watershed, and organized a community effort to support implementation of the *Carmel River Watershed Action Plan* (2005) identifying priority problems and goals for restoration of the river and watershed resources. In this effort, CRWC and the Planning and Conservation League Foundation (PCLF) jointly published the *Supplemental Carmel River Watershed Action Plan* (March 2007), funded in part by the State Coastal Conservancy, to further assess watershed scale problems related to the dam and impacts to wildlife habitat.

Through this effort we have gained an understanding that removal of the dam would result in many more benefits and environmental gains than the other solutions proposed in the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project EIR/EIS. Our support for the dam removal project has grown over time in part due to our efforts to better understand the range of dam-related impacts and disruption to the ecological integrity of the river resulting from the presence of the dam. The key problems identified include fish passage, seasonal fish transport, impacts to riparian vegetation and stream stability, and loss of continuity of essential wildlife habitat impacting key species that include threatened steelhead trout.

We also wish to underscore the fact that the dam removal and river reroute project was initially proposed through a process that considered local knowledge of the river combined with technical assessments of viable options to stabilize the sediment above the dam structure. It is our belief that after many years of consideration, the dam removal and river reroute project presents the best solution to eliminate the seismic threat posed by the dam, and also provides broader environmental gains for the community and for the state as a whole.

Sincerely,

Clive Sanders
President, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy

Cc: Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator Abel Maldonado, Assmblyman John
Laird, Congressman Sam Farr, Monica Hunter and Resource Agency Secretary
Mike Chrisman



May 7, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Carmel River/San Clemente Dam Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Big Sur Land Trust is a nonprofit organization committed to conserving significant lands and waters of California's Central Coast. Recently we have been an active partner in projects in the Carmel River, most notably the planning and design of a multi-use Carmel River Parkway linking public lands via a network of trails in the lower river. Additionally we are active in identifying and acquiring significant lands in the watershed with a goal of providing water resource, riparian corridor, and fish and wildlife protection.

The San Clemente Dam has been documented in numerous scientific studies to be detrimental to the ecological viability of the Carmel River and poses a significant safety hazard for the community. The Big Sur Land Trust is supportive of a project that would provide for the long-term restoration of the river and its biological resources including the steelhead trout and California Red-Legged Frog. An opportunity such as that provided by removal of the San Clemente Dam should be viewed in the larger context of watershed restoration so that multiple objectives are accomplished. There is growing recognition of the value that dam removal can bring to restoring ecosystem function within river systems. The Carmel River is an important resource for all Californians and can be an example of creative collaboration for restoring ecosystem function and providing a safer, healthier watershed for current and future residents and visitors to this unique river. The Big Sur Land Trust welcomes the opportunity to be a partner in the restoration of this important watershed.

Sincerely,



William H. Leahy
Executive Director



Steven L. Evans
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April 21, 2008

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: **Support for the Carmel River San Clemente Dam Re-route Option**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Friends of the River has been dedicated to preserving and restoring California's rivers, streams, and their watersheds for 35 years. We believe the Carmel River is an extraordinary waterway and the San Clemente Dam Re-Route option would greatly improve the state of this river for wildlife and Monterey county residents alike. Please support the San Clemente Dam Re-Route option as proposed in the recently released Environmental Impact Report for San Clemente Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

This is a rare opportunity for California to restore the health of a local ecosystem and public resource. Fish and wildlife will be positively influenced for many decades to come as will the economic benefit that a healthy fishery represents to local businesses and communities. Please join us in giving your full and unqualified support to this landmark project to restore the free flow of the Carmel River.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Evans
Conservation Director

April 22, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of the Planning and Conservation League Foundation in support of the Coastal Conservancy's efforts to remove the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County.

The San Clemente Dam no longer serves a water supply function and poses a seismic risk to the residents of Carmel Valley. In 2007, the Planning and Conservation League Foundation and the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy jointly published the *Supplemental Carmel River Watershed Action Plan*, funded in part by the State Water Resources Control Board and the State Coastal Conservancy. The report concluded that the benefits of dam removal would provide a permanent resolution of the dam's safety issue, as well as significantly contribute to improved management of watershed resources including gaining 25 miles of unimpaired access to spawning habitat for steelhead trout, reestablishing sediment to the undernourished lower river and beach, and improving wildlife habitat for species like the red-legged frog.

Since then the Conservancy staff has conducted studies to determine the technical and environmental feasibility of dam removal. Recently the proposed dam removal project was determined to be feasible by the Department of Water Resources, and California American Water and National Marine Fisheries Service signed an MOU with the Conservancy outlining necessary steps toward implementation of dam removal.

PCLF urges the Board of the State Coastal Conservancy to approve staff recommendations for further action to implement the proposed dam removal project as the best long term solution for both the ratepayers of the Monterey Peninsula and the ecology of the Carmel River.

Sincerely,

Traci Sheehan Van Thull
Executive Director



Please join the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, Carmel River Steelhead Association, and the Carmel Point and Lagoon Preservation Association in expressing support for the San Clemente Dam Removal Project by signing on to the following statement of support:

We, the undersigned, support the State Coastal Conservancy's effort to remove San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County. The Carmel River Reroute and Dam Removal Project will benefit both the community and the environment by permanently resolving the public safety threat posed by the dam, improving access to habitat for steelhead trout, re-establishing natural sediment transport to the lower river and beach, and restoring continuity of aquatic and wildlife habitat. This project represents a rare opportunity for California to restore the health of a coastal river system.

NAME	AFFILIATION (IF ANY)	NEIGHBORHOOD
<i>Mark Howard</i>		<i>Carmel Valley</i>
<i>Chris Oles</i>		<i>Carmel Valley</i>
<i>DAN PRESSER</i>		<i>MONTEREY</i>
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<i>Jack Hammond</i>		<i>Lagoon</i>
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<i>Jon Guter</i>		<i>Carmel</i>



Please join the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and the Carmel River Steelhead Association in expressing support for the San Clemente Dam Removal Project by signing on to the following statement of support:

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<u>Therese Jones</u>	<u>C.R.S.H</u>	<u>Lower Valley</u>
<u>Charles Kautzle</u>	<u>(NONE)</u>	<u>CARMEL</u>
<u>Thy Kest</u>	<u>CASI</u>	<u>CARMEL</u>
<u>Robert Silva</u>	<u>CASI</u>	<u>MARINA</u>
<u>Richard Sinclair</u>	<u>CASI</u>	<u>Carmel Valley</u>
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<u>Mary Ingram Vale</u>	<u>CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMM (RET.)</u>	<u>CARMEL VALLEY</u>
<u>Jeff Mollay</u>	<u>Fishing retailer</u>	<u>Monterey</u>
<u>Brandon Miller</u>	<u>Chef Restaurant owner</u>	<u>Monterey</u>
<u>Louisa Lee</u>		<u>Seaside as</u>

April 5



Please join the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and the Carmel River Steelhead Association in expressing support for the San Clemente Dam Removal Project by signing on to the following statement of support:

We, the undersigned, support the State Coastal Conservancy's effort to remove San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River in Monterey County. The Carmel River Reroute and Dam Removal Project will benefit both the community and the environment by permanently resolving the public safety threat posed by the dam, improving access to habitat for steelhead trout, re-establishing natural sediment transport to the lower river and beach, and restoring continuity of aquatic and wildlife habitat. This project represents a rare opportunity for California to restore the health of a coastal river system.

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Adrian Juchli	local business	CARMEL VALLEY
Geni Durocher	local business	Carmel Valley
J. J.	Local Businessowner	CV
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Phil Plunkh	-	Carmel Valley
Bucky Kachuk	local angler	Carmel Valley
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From: [Dianne Nielson](#)
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Subject: Removal of Dam
Date: Friday, April 04, 2008 9:07:57 AM

I am in support of approval of funding the San Clemente Dam
Reroute/Removal project.

Dianne Nielson
860 W. Franklin St. #2
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From: [Claude Rosenthal](#)
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov;
Subject: San Clemente Dam Removal
Date: Friday, April 04, 2008 5:00:31 PM

Doug Bosco, Chair, State Coastal Conservancy Board:

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I urge you and the Conservancy Board to authorize the funding for and approve the implementation of the removal of the San Clemente Dam. California has a legacy of destruction to the natural ecosystems of our rivers and this is an opportunity to begin to correct the damage done by years of unnatural river flows. Please vote in favor of the dam removal and contact me with the result of your vote and the decision of the Conservancy Board. Thank you.

Claude Rosenthal
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*Committee of Lost Compadres Owners
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April 21, 2008

VIA EMAIL TCHAPMAN@SCC.CA.GOV

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: San Clemente Dam Removal Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This is on behalf of some of the owners of a 25 plus or minus acre property (Enclave) called Lost Compadres that is directly east of the proposed San Clemente Dam Removal Project (Project). On December 31, 2003, the Lost Compadres owners conveyed 970 plus acres of property to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD) and it is that property that the Conservancy wishes to utilize for the Project. The MPRPD's website describes this property as "pristine interior land that is unchanged since before Native Esselen people first inhabited the area several thousand years ago." We are very concerned about both the Project's effect on this pristine environment which the MPRPD pledged to preserve, and about the Project's impact on our use and enjoyment of our Enclave during the period of the Project.

In particular, we have the following concerns:

- 1) That the scope of Project (i.e. the use of jeep road for both major construction access and the new access road needed to remove dam) violates a conservation easement on the property.
- 2) That use of the jeep road during the Project and the future planned public use of the land violates the Lost Compadres group's conveyance agreement to the MPRPD and representations made by the MPRPD in negotiating the conveyance.
- 3) That the issues raised in Lost Compadres owner Laurence Horan's letter of June 27, 2006, MPRPD's representative Tim Jensen's letter of July 3, 2006, and an email dated May 26, 2006 from Jeremy Pratt of Entrix, Inc. to Kimberly Demuth and Brad Boyes, with respect to the San Clemente Dam Draft EIS/EIR for Safety Retrofit on Dam

Removal were not adequately addressed in the Final EIR/EIS. Copies of these documents are attached hereto.

- 4) That the Project's EIR/EIS is wholly inadequate in regard to the impacts of cutting a new road from the existing jeep road to the dam. Conservancy representatives stated in a meeting on March 25th that they were not aware of how many trees and amounts of habitat would be lost by the creation of such a road. They further agreed that there were several inadequacies regarding impacts to the environment from the construction of a massive diversion structure proposed to be at least 75 to 100 feet in height located within approximately 1/4 to 1/2 mile of our Enclave. Most concerning to us is that we are not aware of a mitigation plan with respect to this loss of pristine habitat or if measures can ever restore the loss of native trees and oak wood land on the site.
- 5) That no other access options have been adequately considered even though Cal Am originally constructed and maintained the dam from the San Clemente Drive low access road to the dam leading in from across the river. We question why the Conservancy would be willing to impact thousands of mature trees and a large number of acres of native oak woodland habitat when another access for the destruction of the dam is already in place.
- 6) That tentative decisions were made regarding the Project that impacts our Enclave without ever informing or asking us about the Project. These impacts include noise, dust, access, visual enjoyment, and recreational use. We are also very concerned that the plans we have seen do not include precautions to safeguard the security of our Enclave during this Project. We are referred to as the Stone Cabin Group in various documents relating to the Project but no one associated with the Project made any effort to communicate with us about the Project prior to the meeting that we requested on March 25, 2008.

We ask that the above concerns be addressed as soon as possible. We also request that the Conservancy provide us with a detailed description of the proposed "intensive use" of the jeep road which accesses our property during the periods of construction and that the Conservancy meet with us on site to review the impacts of the proposed Project. We further request that we regularly be provided information regarding the status of the Project on a timely basis.

In conclusion, we want you to know that while we have the above listed concerns, we do support the Conservancy's overall goals with respect to this Project, i.e., ameliorating the dam safety issue and restoration of fish spawning and habitat. We however do not want this very special property compromised in furtherance of these goals without full and public consideration of the alternative access used in prior times, and without a good faith effort to accommodate our concerns as set forth above.

Please direct any questions you have with respect to the above to Robert Reid at 831-375-0983.

Very truly yours,

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Re: San Clemente Dam Draft EIS/EIR for Safety Retrofit or Dam Removal

Dear Ms. Landis and Mr. Smith:

I am a co-owner in joint tenancy with others of real property located between Cachagua Road and the San Clemente Dam site in Carmel Valley, California. Our co-tenants purchased the property which then consisted of 1584 acres from the Pebble Beach Corporation in 1978. Shortly following the purchase our co-tenants entered into a scenic conservation easement deed to the County of Monterey. The purpose of the scenic conservation easement deed was to keep the property as permanent scenic open space. Among the restrictions were that no structures could be placed or erected on the property, no advertising located thereon, no vegetation except that indigenous to the area could be planted, and that the general topography of the landscape would be maintained in its then present condition. The owners reserved the rights to prune, trim, and maintain plant and tree life on the property, to enjoy the land in a manner not inconsistent with the restrictions imposed, and the right to use, repair, and maintain the existing scenic historic stone cabin on the property.

The scenic conservation easement deed further provided: "If all or any portion of the land described in Exhibit A is sought to be condemned for public use this easement shall terminate as of the time of the filing of any complaint in condemnation as to the land or any portion thereof or any right therein sought to be taken for public use and the owners shall be entitled to such

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compensation for the taking as the owners would have been entitled to had the land not be burdened by this easement."

Subsequent to the imposition of the aforesaid scenic conservation easement the co-tenant owners of the property have made two conveyances, both of which naturally remain subject to said scenic conservation easement: (1) Conveyance of 600 acres on the south side of the Carmel River to Rancho San Clemente for their use for grazing purposes; and (2) conveyance of approximately 960 acres to the Monterey Regional Park District for park purposes subject to the terms and conditions of such conveyance, including the aforesaid scenic conservation easement.

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 LAND-2 Any of the alternatives explored in the draft EIS/EIR which would utilize the access road to the property from Cachagua Road to the area of the San Clemente Dam, any rerouting of the Carmel River in that area, or any deposition of any of the silt accumulated behind San Clemente Dam would create a situation in which the use of our remaining property and the historic Murphy stone cabin, the use of the Park District's property for scenic and park purposes, or the maintenance of the terms of the scenic conservation easement imposed by us some 36 years ago would be vitiated.

GEN-35 The use of our access road by trucks and other vehicles for the purposes outlined in the Draft EIS/EIR would create significant unmitigated impacts with respect to: (1) geologic stability; (2) vegetation; (3) different species of birds, including wild pigeons, mourning doves, California quail, and great blue heron; (4) red-legged frog; (5) California steelhead/salmon; (6) our river frontage and the despoliation and elimination of a significant number of acres of sensitive wetlands; (7) impaired air quality; (8) significant traffic safety impacts at the intersection of Cachagua Road and elsewhere on the property; (9) destruction of the pastoral rural quality of life which both the owners and their donee Park District have strived assiduously to maintain; and (10) destruction of a valuable historic resource: one of the first settler cabins in the Carmel Valley, which the owners have restored and which can never be duplicated.

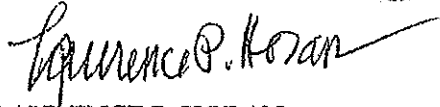
It is almost unthinkable that the voluminous documents comprising the draft EIS/EIR pay virtually no heed whatever to the foregoing impacts, nor does it mention in any significant manner the fact of 960 acres of park land and the historic Murphy's cabin. For the edification of the lead agencies and their consultants as well as the project proponent I enclose with this correspondence (1) a copy of a letter dated February 8, 2001 outlining the proposed gifting of the property from the tenants in common to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District; (2) a copy of a letter dated April 5, 2004 expressing that thanks and gratitude of the Park District to the donors; and (3) a photocopy of an editorial of the Monterey County Herald dated February 1, 2004 expressing gratitude for the donation and describing some of the purposes for which the donation was made. An earlier quote from the Herald in 1979 noted:

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This is rugged country, on the edge of the Los Padres National Forest and the Ventana Wilderness, and looks as unspoiled as it must have 100 years ago. And that is the way it is to remain. The 10 families who own the property plan to use it just for hiking, camping, and picnicking, plus a little trout fishing, and other than rebuilding Murphy's cabin, no other construction is to be allowed. The property is believed to contain a number of ancient Indian Burial grounds.

I will be leaving for Atlanta tomorrow and will not return until July 3, hence this rather abbreviated comment on some of the problems with your current Draft EIS/EIR. Upon my return I will be most happy to both augment and amplify the comments herein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurence P. Horan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LAURENCE P. HORAN

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RE: Draft San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project EIR/EIS

Dear Ms. Landis & Mr. Smith:

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (Park District) is a special district subdivision of the State of California organized under Public Resources Code 5500 et seq. The residents of the Greater Monterey Peninsula created the Park District in 1972 for the express purpose of acquiring and protecting open space for public use and enjoyment. The Park District has protected approximately 20,000-acres for the 150,000± residents in its 400-square mile district.

The subject project lies within the district and is adjacent to, and includes, property owned by The Park District.

A The Park District has reviewed the draft EIR/EIS and has the following comments:

B Overall: The document is lacking in graphic support of textual project impacts. In order to make an informed decision on alternatives and potential impacts, The Park District requests more sophisticated visual exhibits:

1. GIS ortho-photo quads for use as base-maps for comparison between all projects, which show project locations, specific project component sites, property boundaries, landmarks, geographic features, and include meta data in electronic format. This data is readily available;
2. Cross-sections, cut-material, and images of road improvements and construction and Site 4R are necessary for adequate environmental review;
3. As examples: Both 3.2 Proposed Project and 3.3 Alternative 1 do not have adequate project area descriptions, land ownership, or map depicting land

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ownership and boundaries;

4. Another example: Figures 3.3.3 and 3.3.4: These figures show the Cachagua/4R Access Route (jeep trail) and Conveyor Route through The Park District's San Clemente Open Space and a large Sediment Disposal site within the property but there is no written description of either in Section 3.2 Proposed Project;

B. Viewshed: The Draft EIR/EIS states "None of the alternatives will have a significant impact on the environment." However, there is no evidence in the document to make such a finding. And there is no information in the document for public review and comment. The entire treatment of public viewshed and aesthetics is inadequate.

1. The Proposed Project and Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 include property owned by The Park District that will be environmentally altered but there is no adequate description of the visual impact or any visual exhibits of pre-project and enhanced post-project images of the impact sites;

(a) Necessary images to adequately assess pre-project and post-project viewshed/visual impacts from within the open space park by park visitors include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- River front views;
- Standing water locations and conditions;
- Road-cuts and corridors;
- Sediment disposal site;
- River front access;

C. Project Access Roads and Sediment Disposal:

1. Figure 3.2.2: This figure shows the Cachagua/4R Access Route (jeep trail) and Conveyor Route through The Park District's San Clemente Open Space and a large Sediment Disposal site within the property but there is no written description of either in Section 3.2 Proposed Project;
2. 3.3 Sediment Transport: The document does not adequately describe the "gravity feed reclaim tunnel system" for conveying the sediment to Site 4R in the park;
3. 3.3 Sediment Transport: The document does not adequately describe how the road will be used or impacted by expected project use;
4. Exhibit 3.3.5: This exhibit provides little to no value in evaluating the impact of heavy equipment on a narrow, un-surfaced, steep road or any information on necessary road improvements and their impacts to accommodate the expected project uses;
5. 3.3 Sediment Disposal: The document states that the maximum capacity for sediment disposal at Site 4R is "undetermined" but there is no evidence in the document to support the finding that Site 4R can adequately accept the

estimated 1.5M CY of sediment material;

- (a) The document states that The Park District has previously expressed "tentative support for sediment disposal at Garland Ranch...", provides a citation, but does not list The Park District as an agency consulted in Section 6.0 Lists and References. The Park District requests that the document cited be made available to The Park District for review;
 - (b) The document provides a cursory description of Site 4R preparation but is inadequate for proper review as there are no details as to how vegetation "clearing and grubbing" will take place, and how and where the "stripping and stockpiling of organic soils" will occur;
 - (c) The document also states "a culvert pipe would likely be placed along the ravine bottom the full length of the site ...". For review purposes, this vague language is inadequate. Will or will not a pipe of the scale and scope described be installed? What are the possible environmental impacts if a pipe is or isn't installed? This type of information is not to be found in the document;
 - (d) Figure 3.3.4: This map exhibit does not show property boundaries nor does it adequately describe the impact of 1.5M CY of sediment disposal into a public open space park;
 - (e) An aerial photograph and on-the-ground images of pre-project condition and post-project impact are needed to adequately evaluate this project;
 - (f) The document states that the site will be "winterized" at the end of each construction season but fails to adequately describe the impacts of introducing non-native stabilizing material into the park and any mitigation measures to remove the weeds proposed for introduction. Non-native vegetation is also proposed for introduction to the site for the final topsoil re-placement;
 - (g) The document states that there will be 6-inches of Class 2 base-rock imported for the road surface but does not explain what will be done with this material after the project is completed;
 - (h) The document presumes to leave the road improvements behind but does not describe any environmental impacts associated with doing so, which would be aesthetic and visual and significant compared to what is there now. Given that the property is an open space park, the cursory information provided is inadequate for effective environmental review;
6. 3.3.5 Project Access and Improvements: The document gives a minimal description of the road improvements that does not adequately allow an effective review of potential impacts;
- (a) This description needs graphic support in the form of pre-project conditions and post-project enhanced conditions. The simple statement that the road will be widened to 20-feet does not adequately describe the scope and scale of the necessary road-cut, where the cut material will be deposited,

what the road will look like after the project, or what new maintenance requirements The Park District will inherit if the road improvements are left in or restored upon completion of the project;

- (b) The new ½-mile long access road to Site 4R is similarly described in cursory terms and provides no graphic imagery of pre-project conditions and post-project impacts/conditions. There is also no description of what will become of this road upon project completion;

7. 3.4 Alternative 2: The comments above apply to this alternative as well. The descriptions and graphic support need improvement if an adequate environmental review is to be undertaken. This alternative impacts The Park District to a greater magnitude in that the volume of sediment to be deposited in the park is 2.5M CY;

8. 3.5 Alternative 3: Though this alternative does not propose Site 4R, it does affect The Park District's road into and through its San Clemente Open Space. The comments above that apply to the road are applicable for this alternative as well;

D. Wetlands: All the proposed projects include environmental impacts to existing wetlands. The Park District is concerned about potential short and long-term impacts to existing wetlands from the perspective of public access and viewshed. The document does not adequately address the impact of changing wetland conditions on public perception, view, and access and therefore the document cannot be adequately review for environmental impacts associated with changed public aesthetics and viewshed.


1. Textual descriptions of pre and post project conditions are needed for adequate review and comment on the aesthetic perspective to changing wetland conditions;
2. Pre-project and post-project enhanced photographic imagery depicting what the current and future park boundaries will look like are essential for adequate environmental assessment;
 - (a) Currently, the park has an extended and publicly accessible riverfront to perennial pools and flowing water. What will any new boundary along the park's riverfront look like and how accessible will the new riverfront be to the public?
 - (b) What will replace the current riparian vegetation along the park's riverfront boundary if the river course or water levels are changed?
 - (c) How will public access be affected and/or maintained if river-frontage is changed?

The Park District has no position on the proposed project or any alternative at this time because it cannot adequately evaluate the potential impacts presented by each project regarding viewshed, aesthetics, public access, and project developments until the information outlined above is made available.

The Park District appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project and looks

forward to the requested information in a revised draft EIR/EIS. If California Department of Water Resources or US Army Corps of Engineers has any questions, or would like to discuss the proposed project, the alternatives, or the Draft EIR/EIS with The Park District, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Donofrio, The Park District's General Manager, or myself by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Jensen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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To: Kimberly Demuth/Entrix, Brad Boyes/Entrix,
cc:
Subject: Larry Horan and the Stone Cabin

Hi Kimberly and Brad

Larry Horan is an attorney practicing in Monterey who is part of an investment group that owns the Stone Cabin - listed as HR-8 in the San Clemente EIR/EIS cultural resources section (described p. 4-335). He spoke with me after the Public Hearing and I believe he may have already called Kimberly and left a message.

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Larry apparently originally owned the Stone Cabin and the surrounding 1600 acres of land. He donated 1000 acres of the land to the Park District (including I believe what is our proposed sediment disposal Site 4R), and now owns the cabin as a remote recreational refuge with an investment group of 10 attorneys. (He says his area of practice, by the way, is land use and CEQA.) The so-called "jeep trail" or "4WD road" that is proposed to be improved for the alternatives that need access above the dam from Cachagua Road was developed to serve (and still serves) the Stone Cabin. The Stone Cabin remains in current use by the investment group. Obviously, the current use - as a serene, remote wilderness getaway - is incompatible with the improvement of the road and its use to transport heavy equipment and materials for Alternatives 1, 2, and 3. In other words, there will be unavoidable significant impacts that cannot be mitigated and are not really brought out in our current draft. We need to document those impacts.

Larry is a very personable, reasonable individual. He was concerned that the use of the road as proposed is tantamount to a "taking" of the Stone Cabin property and has significant adverse impacts to the purposes for which land was donated to the Park District. We will need to address this as a comment and revision to the impact analysis. We need a more detailed characterization from **MWH (Vik and Dan)** as to the projected use of the road for each alternative - during what seasons of the year, for how many years, for how many trips, with what daily frequency, of what size of vehicle. We need **Brad** to revisit the noise impacts. We need **Kimberly's** team to revisit the recreational/land use impacts - not the impact on the Stone Cabin itself as a historical resource, but on the use of it. As part of that, we need to consult with the Monterey Park District (I am sure Larry will contact - or has contacted - them to ask about their participation in our process and what comments they will submit. I know that Jan Driscoll or John Kiern called them about the use of Site 4R for sediment disposal, and I understand that they did not respond to that overture. They are not on our list of California Responsible Agencies, and probably should be added.

Jeremy Pratt
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